Assessment of Fiscal situation

5004. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has carried out indepth analysis of deteriorating States, fiscal situation assuring critical proposals;

(b) if so, the details of the fiscal assessment carried out for the recent assessment period, State-wise;

(c) the details of fresh policy initiatives taken/proposed in consultation with the States to deal with the problems; and

(d) the details of agenda for action for the current years?

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(b) An assessment of the fiscal situation of States over the last three years shows that a number of States are under severe fiscal stress. Compared to the Ninth Plan projections, there has been a steady deterioration of States' Own Funds and there has been a heavy reliance on borrowings by States to finance their Plans during 1997—2000. A statement in respect of 15 major States is annexed. (See below)

(c) A Fiscal Reform Facility was created by the Government of India in 1999-2000 for extending medium-term financial assistance to those States which had entered into an agreement with Government of India during 1999-2000 for initiating monitorable Fiscal Reform Programme. In all, thirteen States had entered into such an agreement. These States are:— Mizoram, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Nagaland, Manipur, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

(d) The Government of India has requested the Eleventh Finance Commission to draw up a monitorable fiscal reforms programme aimed at reduction of revenue deficit of States and recommend the manner in which the grants to States to cover the assessed deficit in their Non-plan Revenue account may be linked to progress in implementing the said programme.

Statement

Details of Financing Pattern-Ninth Plan Projections and Achievements during 1997-98 to 1999-2000

(Per cent)

Ninth Plan Projections					
Sl. No.	States	Total Central Assistance	Own Funds of the States	Borrowings of the States	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50.80	1.50	47.70	100.00
2.	Bihar	60.90	-8.80	47.90	100.00
3.	Goa	32.13	25.07	42.80	100.00
4.	Gujarat	30.50	27.40	42.10	100.00
5.	Haryana	41.25	-1.43	60.18	100.00
6.	Karnataka	26.27	31.53	42.20	100.00
7.	Kerala	29.15	13.69	57.16	100.00
8.	Madhya Praesh	41.80	1.67	56.53	100.00
9.	Maharashtra	39.83	3.45	56.72	
10.	Orissa	53.48	-6.33	52.85	100.00
11.	Punjab	35.70	-15.96	80.26	100.00
12.	Rajasthan	43.34	5.69	50.97	100.00
13.	Tamil Nadu	39.95	11.83	48.22	100.00
14.	Uttar Pradesh	46.73	0.12	53.15	100.00
15.	West Begal	73.34	-58.46	85.12	100.00
	Total 15 States	43.15	3.08	53.77	100.00
		53.95	-72.68	118.73	100.00
		99.45	-107.22	107.78	100.00
		38.84	-23.88	85.05	100.00
		25.89	4.82	69.29	100.00
		29.14	-45.59	116.46	100.00
		20.54	27.93	51.53	100.00
		21.96	-18.28	96.32	100.00
		53.09	-39.44	86.35	100.00
		18.14	-12.07	93.93	100.00
		65.00	-53.20	88.20	100.00

Sl. No.	States	Total Central Assistance	Own Funds of the States	Borrowings of the States	Total
		37.57	-145.11	207.54	100.00
		42.09	-120.22	178.13	100.00
		78.00	-62.49	84.49	100.00
		74.87	-113.90	139.03	100.00
		59.39	-116.56	157.16	100.00
		42.48	-48. 14	106.66	100.00

Upliftment of Backward Districts

5005. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor and backward districts of the country State-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme or conducted any study for the development and upliftment of these districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the allocations made in this regard during the past five years, State-wise?

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(c) and (d) Do not arise. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in the development of poor and backward areas through appropriate weightage for backwardness in the formula used for distribution of Normal Central Assistance. In addition in order to address the special problems of designated areas Special Central Assistance is allocated under Special Area Programmes such as Hill Areas Development Programme,